



**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

**MAIL STOP RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/281,969
Confirmation Number	7976
Filing Date	March 31, 1999
First Named Inventor	Takeshi FUNAHASHI
Group Art Unit	2624
Examiner Name	Stephen M. Brinich
Matter Number	Q53829
Title	IMAGE NORMALIZATION PROCESSING SYSTEM

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a  
period of \_\_\_\_\_ Months
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

The statutory fee of \$770.00 is to be charge to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and  
authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-  
4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is  
attached.

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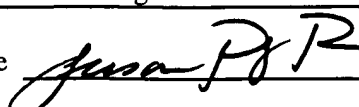
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**SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY**

Name Susan Perng Pan Registration No. 41,239

Signature  Date December 2, 2003